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#### IV. General Crime Conditions in Portland, Oregon

##### A. Organized Gangs

The "Syndicate" which is headed by AL WINTERS is again active in Portland after having suspended operations for some six months. At the first of the year when all vices were "closed" in the City of Portland due to the death of Captain TATUM in Portland bootleg joint, all vice operations were suspended and in the past three months have opened up gradually.

CI 307 has advised that WINTERS and the "Syndicate" have operated the Esquire Room located in the Esquire Hotel spasmodically for the past four or five months. He states that the "Syndicate's" activities at the present time are largely confined to book making and bookmaking on the horse races and in taking the bets on football sheets. CI 307 further states that JIM ELKINS, reported lieutenant in the "Syndicate" was almost dormant for some three months after the first of the year but is gradually opening up his bootlegging establishments. CI 307 advised that during the inactivity of the gambling syndicate in Portland they concentrated their efforts in establishing themselves at Las Vegas, Nevada. He states that it is rumored that they have found the competition too keen because they are forced to run "a straight gambling game" in Nevada and not experienced in this type of gambling. 307 said that he had recently been told that WINTERS had decided to give up his interests in Las Vegas and confine his activities to the Portland area.

##### B. Individual Racketeers and Mobsters

It is the consensus of all of the Confidential Informants and sources of information used in this survey that a number of individuals in this category are at a minimum in Portland at the present time. They state that when the city was "closed" in January of 1947, most of these individual left town and have not returned and probably will not return on a permanent basis until a new Chief of Police is appointed and they find out "which way the wind is blowing." CI 338 states that among the negro population there is a very definite migration from Portland to the Hanford-Richland, Washington area. He states that many of the bootleggers, pimps and gamblers are making plans to shift their operations to this area due to the shift of the negro population to that area.

The following is a list of safe burglars, burglars and ex-convicts who are known to have frequented and operated in Portland in the past and are expected to operate in Portland in the future. This list was assembled by Detective Sgt. MYRON WARREN of the Portland Police Department with the aid of Capt. VAYNE GURDANE of the Oregon State Police:

##### NAMES AND NUMBERS OF KNOWN SAFE MEN

ABRAMS, Tom @ Rabbi	Port. 5475	ADAMS, Dewey	Port. 20990
ALBERTS, Jackson	Port. 19381	ARNSTON, James	Port. 11313
BANNISTER, Walter @Dutch	W.S.P. 15971	BARKLEY, Silas	Port. 22393
BONG, Orville	Port. 20962	BUCKLEY, George	Port. 9367
BRAISE, Robert	Port. 12145	BRADLEY, Forrest	Port. 5323